



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	The City is allowing the MWELO to go into effect by default.
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	
3d	URL for your WELO	
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	



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7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Building official reviews plans and refers to specialist if needed to ensure compliance. Conditions of approval may be added to meet requirements of ordinance. MWELO compliance verified prior to issuing permit.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Building official must sign off on MWELO items and conditions of approval before Permit is finalised. Water system staff will periodically compare actual outdoor water usage with MAWA.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes
9c	If so, by what entity?	Building Official or referred to landscape specialist if necessary.
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	City staff will take the lead implementing ordinance and coordinating with the Water Dept., Planning & Building. The city's existing water codes provide fines, penalties and other enforcement measures (including shut-off) for water waste. Noncompliance with the MWELO MAWA will be considered water waste. The City manager or designee is responsible for enforcement of the MWELO.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	The City of Trinidad has a small staff and budget, so has limited capacity to develop and implement a new program from the ground up or to add tasks requiring specialized expertise. Creating a program is a challenge because there are few housing starts or landscaping retrofits, making it very expensive per project. It will be confusing and cumbersome for non-professionals to comply with the requirements. For instance, the WUCOLS lists water use information for each plant as H, M, L, VL. The WEL worksheet needs the Plant Factor to be in decimal format. You have to go from the WUCOLS to the MWELO definitions for Plant Factor conversion then to the worksheet. I have not yet found anyone in our region who has heard of a certified landscape irrigation auditor. The closest listing is ~ 100 miles away.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Trinidad needs to find regionally appropriate educational materials to comply with MWELO 492.17 (a). It would be helpful to have a simpler landscape and irrigation design program and easy to use materials developed for use by small entities that are not able to develop their own program. We would like to have better reference materials that work with the MWELO requirements (see comment above about the WUCOLS & worksheet).
13	Additional Comments:	Trinidad and Arcata are interested in developing a regional ordinance but have not determined if other entities are interested. We believe it will be easier for the entities on the north coast to work together rather than each have our own program.

Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to [WELO@water.ca.gov](mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov) by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 651-9676.